

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Professional Engineers Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on January 27, 2004, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Richard N. Davenport
Stanley C. Harris

Board member Ronald G. Helton was not present at the meeting.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director

No representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present.

Mr. Davenport, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Davenport seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members Davenport and Harris.

Approval of
Agenda

Public Comment Period – No comments were made to the Section members.

Public Comment

The Section members discussed correspondence that was received regarding confusion among regulants of the Board as to who may prepare a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act compliance plan. Catherine Harold of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department was present to answer any questions the Board members had. After discussion, the Section members agreed by consensus to recommend to the Board adoption of the following response:

Discussion of
Chesapeake Bay
Preservation Act
Compliance
Plans

“The APELSCIDLA Board has reviewed your documentation and has determined that work associated with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act involves the practice of engineering and land surveying. However, reviews of this issue in the past have also revealed that this work may be incidental to other professional work

and have determined that landscape architects and architects are competent to perform these types of calculations required by the Act.

"As in any activity involving the practices of architecture, professional engineering, surveying, certified interior design, and landscape architecture, if there is a question about the specific competence of an APELSCIDLA Board regulant, then this issue should be specifically addressed at that time through inquiries and complaints to this Board.

"As to the issue of 'redesigning' by the County officials, we would obviously need to know the specifics of individual instances. It is not unusual for regulatory authorities and agencies to request revisions to plans, specifications, reports, and permit applications. However, generally speaking, the professional who has the responsibility, authority, and accountability must concur with each of these revisions."

The Section members reviewed the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Zone Update. Mr. Harris informed the Section that he is on the NCEES Constitution and Bylaw Committee.

**Discussion of
NCEES Items**

The Section members reviewed the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board's Accreditation Criteria and Procedures for informational purposes.

Mr. Harris discussed the report of the NCEES Engineering Licensure Qualifications Task Force dated March 2003. After discussion, the Section members asked Mr. Courtney to obtain additional copies of the report for distribution to and review by Mr. Davenport and Mr. Helton. Mr. Davenport and Mr. Helton will provide any comments to Mr. Harris by mid-February 2004.

The Section members were provided with a copy of Senate Bill 106 regarding engineering services by Virginia Department of Transportation employees for informational purposes.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

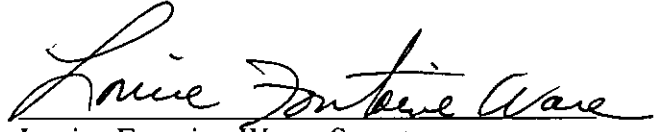
**Conflict of
Interest Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Adjourn



Richard N. Davenport, Acting Chair



Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Richard N. Davenport
2. Title: Member
3. Agency: APELSCIDLA Board
4. Transaction: Board Meeting on January 27, 2004
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

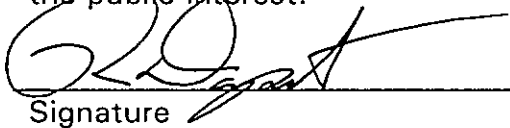
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(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

NSPE, USPE

(b) I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.


Signature

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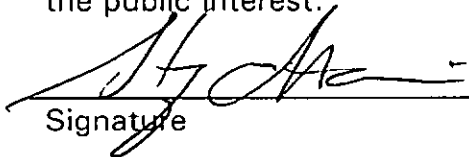
1. Name: Stanley C. Harris
2. Title: Member
3. Agency: APELSCIDLA Board
4. Transaction: Board Meeting on January 27, 2004
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: NONE

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